

## CHAPTER 95-02-02 EVALUATION AND FUNDING CRITERIA

Section

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Evaluation and Funding Criteria

**95-02-02-01. Evaluation and funding criteria.** Proposals will be evaluated upon a basis of one hundred possible points, according to the following criteria. Up to ten points may be awarded by the commission based on the likelihood of each proposal's success:

1. **Probability and extent of new wealth creation.** Preference will be given to applications which demonstrate a high probability of job and wealth creation. While the commission does not make any specific requirements for jobs created per dollar granted, a close review will be made of return-on-investment. Up to thirty points may be awarded on this criterion.
2. **Credibility and merit.** The commission will review each proposal as to its technical and commercial feasibility. Proposals which feature research that is innovative as well as commercially plausible will receive preference. A final criterion will focus on the relative competence and technical qualifications of project principals. Up to thirty points may be awarded on these criteria.
3. **Timeliness.** Preference will be given to proposals demonstrating a high probability of rapid commercialization. Up to fifteen points may be awarded on this criterion.
4. **Matching funds.** Priority will be given to projects which demonstrate a shared commitment for funding from other private or public sources, or from the applicant. Matching funds may be in the form of cash or in-kind services, or both. Approved indirect costs may qualify as matching funds. Disbursement of funds will be contingent upon evidence that matching funds have been allocated to the proposal. Up to ten points may be awarded on this criterion.
5. **Geographic consideration.** Preference will be given to the proposals which center efforts on nonurban locales. When the proposal requires specific research which cannot possibly be carried out in rural North Dakota, consideration will be given to the ultimate development and commercialization of the results of the proposal, with the same rural preference. Up to five points may be awarded on this criterion.

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